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The Command Historian- Maintains the institutional memory of the command and ensures the use of historical information, insights, and perspective in the decision making process and in other functions and programs. The command historian uses military history to ***strengthen training, support leader development, promote morale and esprit de corps, and foster historical-mindedness*** among all members of the command.

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***Functions executed by a Military Historian*-**

- **Execute Command Historical Programs**
- **Collection of Historical Materials**
- **Advise on Historical Matters**
- **Advise on Preparing Historical Records**
- **Coordinate Matters of Historical Artifacts**

Operational Products

- Historian's Notes
- Interviews
- Graphic Materials
- Army Art
- Photographic Documentation
- Journals and Journal Files

In Times of War

Accounts of battle are studied afterwards for decades, sometimes centuries, to find doctrinal applications, to refine leadership principles, and to write unit histories.

- *Items to collect other than documents and records includes*- maps, overlays, newspapers, and other items not covered in the MARKS.

- MH operations focus on the *collection, cataloging, transportation, and storage* of significant historical material.

"Those who do not learn from history are condemned to repeat it" ***George Santayana, Philosopher***